

Duffield Squash and Tennis Club Bulletin 23 June

Volunteering. Our club is built and run on the efforts and skills of volunteers, and right now and we need more help. We have two immediate vacancies on the Council: **1) Club Secretary 2) Gym and Fitness lead.** Please consider if you could support the club by filling one of these roles. If you're not sure what it involves, contact Mark Benson or another Council member. A big thanks to those who spent time cleaning the club, while our house manager Chris took a well-earned vacation. Thanks go to Bob, Huda, Cyn, Mike and Lizzie who all stepped up (apologies if I forgot anyone).

Carnival. We'll participate in the Duffield carnival as part of our ongoing membership drive by holding an open evening at the club, 6 p.m. on Thursday 27 June. Non-members can try all our racket sports and are welcome to stay on after 7 p.m. to watch some great team tennis and squash, maybe with a drink from the bar. Once again, we need volunteers to help show prospective members our club and facilities – please contact Sal Hargreaves or Vic Malysz if you can spend an hour helping out.

On June 29th we have a Tennis/Squash/Pickleball stall at the Carnival: it's £2 a go for a volley-to-volley rally in any of these sports. The winner gets a free membership! Take another friend and support the club at the Carnival. Four willing Tennis teenagers will be delivering the event with enthusiasm and gusto.

Pickleball - Good News! Our four new, dedicated, Pickleball courts are completed and ready for play. As from Monday 24th June, we'll start a Pickleball Social Night. This will run every week from 5.30 pm and will be a drop-in session so people can arrive anytime. We also run afternoon socials every Wednesday from 2 pm. All members - Tennis and Squash, can come along and play. Many members have already discovered the sport, from active octogenarians to county junior tennis players. It's easy to learn and we'll be dedicating courts and providing both guidance and equipment to people playing for the first time. Members can book a Pickleball court at any time, it's court 6 on Clubspark. If anyone requires any further information please contact Brent on [07885 427623](tel:07885427623) or James on [07968 058383](tel:07968058383).

Social - Our first **GlastoRackets festival** has just ended. Thanks to all who took part and those who organised this innovative event, namely, James Grindell and members of the social team. It was great to see families joining in the fun. Congratulations to the ever-young Nigel Green our overall Rackathon winner.

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the Geoff Miller event – refunds will be made to those who have already booked. However, we will be holding one more **quiz** before the summer break, which will take place on **Friday 12 July**, hosted by Neil Smith. More details and booking information available soon.

Pool - Remember that Wednesday night is pool night at the club, and we usually have 6-10 players enjoying a social game, which is not too serious. For further information contact Dave Wood on woody13965@gmail.com – or just come along on Wednesdays around 7 pm.

Gym members are steadily returning to use our fresh and bright facilities, but we need more. Rackets players may use the air-conditioned gym during the summer on a pay and play basis – only £2 per session. Please spread the word to your friends and family – it is the only gym in Duffield. For more information or to register, contact Grenville on 07881 265259 or gym@duffieldsquashclub.co.uk. Tennis players may also contact Sal Hargreaves or Squash players - Sheila Alcock.

Squash and Racketball - this week we see the Duffield First team at home to Burton so come down to see some high standard squash. The summer squash and racketball leagues have also started and there's still time to join in. Please contact Gill Ford via leagues@duffieldsquashclub.co.uk to get involved and keep your game sharp through the summer.

Starting on Friday 28th June, Dean Gregory will run club nights. This embraces Squash and Racketball back-to-back. More details to follow. We're also considering restarting Sunday evenings – if you're interested just contact Dean, dean.gregory1@ntlworld.com.

Tennis As the sun finally appears, we have lots of social and competitive tennis in progress with Men's 2, Men's 3, Men's 5, Ladies' 1, Ladies' 3 Ladies' 4, Ladies' 5 and Ladies 6' all in action this week – we look forward to sharing their exploits in the next edition, or come to the club for a drink and watch the action from the balcony. Fixture lists available from Sal Hargreaves or James Grindell.

LTA Tennis Leaders Course for 12–16-year-olds takes place on Sunday 7th July at 9 am. This is the first stage of the coaching pathway. Contact James (07968058383).

Kids summer holiday club involving **all club sports** will run for 7 weeks in the school holidays – contact James (07968058383).

Don't forget to use our qands@duffieldsquashclub.co.uk email to resolve your queries or make suggestions – we've had little input in the last week but need more if we want the club to develop and improve. This is an important way to guide the Club Council.

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